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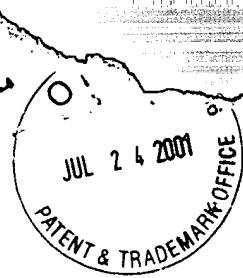
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application was filed on July 14, 2000. The filing receipt was received on October 17, 2000. To date, no official action has been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the status of the present application be provided to the below-listed Representatives.

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